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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☒ was not reached.

Claims discussed: independent claims 1, 6, 14, 24 P33

Identification of prior art discussed: art of record in rejection

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Noted claims 14-16 looked

the temporal limitations to exclude Cheng et al, as recited in section 6 of para # 20, in combination with Subrahmanyan et al and optionally Yoo et al. Also noted that by limiting the first cleaning plasma to consist essentially of Ar, one could exclude all teachings of Cheng et al, as their Ar cleaning plasma uses other cleaning gas always. The Yoo et al + Zhao et al rejection would still be outstanding, but applicants might consider whether or not they have evidence of unexpected results or significant differences.
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

☐ Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

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